



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Monday, April 8, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-1778)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (13-1131)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and noted the lack of a quorum. She welcomed Fourth District Commissioners Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt and Dora de la Rosa.

Self introductions were made by those in attendance.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioners Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. and Alice S. Petrossian joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m., 10:05 a.m. and 10:10 a.m., respectively, establishing a quorum.

Present: Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

Excused: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D. and Commissioner Reiko Duba

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of February 11, 2013. (13-1132)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Norma Gallegos, the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2013 as corrected, was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Abstentions: 2 - Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt and Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

Excused: 2 - President Veda E. Ward Ph.D. and Commissioner Reiko Duba

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2. Discussion and consideration of the Office of Women's Health request to carry over unused funds awarded by the Commission for Women for use in Fiscal Year 2012-13 to Fiscal Year 2013-14. (13-1674)

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m., Treasurer Charlotte Lesser turned over the Chairmanship to Vice President Becky A. Shevlin.

During discussion, Commissioners Lesser, Creary and Rodriguez provided a brief history with the Office of Women's Health and provided clarification to questions posed by various members of the Commission.

After discussion, Commissioner Alice Petrossian made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Norma Gallegos, unanimously carried, to deny the request to carry over the unused funds approved to the Office of Women's Health from the Fiscal Year Budget of 2012-2013; and approve an allocation of \$2,000 to the Fiscal Year Budget of 2013-14 for the Office of Women's Health.

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III. REPORTS

3. President's Report for March 2013. (13-1418)

In the absence of President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin shared the President's report with the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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4. Report on the Ad Hoc and Standing Committee meetings as submitted by Committee members:

Economic Development Committee
Education Committee
Women of the Year Committee (13-1419)

Economic Development Committee:

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin reported that during the April 3, 2013 teleconference meeting, the Economic Development Committee discussed the Budget and alternate fundraising options, as well as ideas for the Commission's new logo and Tag Lines. She stated that the next teleconference meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2013.

Education Committee:

Commissioner Alice Petrossian reported that the scholarship applications were received and are ready to be reviewed by the Raters/Readers. She expressed concern on the number of scholarships that will be available for this year and requested Commissioners assist in providing fundraising ideas to sustain the Scholarship Program. She announced June 18, 2013 is the Board Presentation and Orientation for the Scholarship honorees. The next step for the Committee will be to form the Orientation Program and requested assistance from the Commissioners in providing possible speakers to address the young ladies, and consider what they can provide to the honorees.

Women of the Year Committee:

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin acknowledged that the Women of the Year event is the sole source of income for the Commission. She reported that although the event was a success, she suggested the event as a whole needs to be revisited to include the purpose of why the event is held. She requested an item be placed on the Retreat agenda for further discussion on how to infuse new ideas and ways to increase revenues and fundraising options for the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

5. Monthly staff report by Emma De Jesus. (13-1605)

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services Staff, urged all Commissioners to submit their mileage claim forms prior to the end of each month. She also encouraged the new Commissioners to contact the Human Resources Division in order to schedule the mandatory Sexual Harassment and Ethics Training classes, if they've not yet taken the classes.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

6. Treasurer's Third Quarter Report of 2013. (13-1606)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser provided an overview of the 2013 third quarter budget report.

During discussion, Commissioners provided input on this item.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, the Commission approved a total of 10 scholarships for the 2012-13 scholarship program, and received and filed the Treasurer's report.

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IV. PRESENTATIONS

7. Presentation by Rigoberto Reyes, Chief Investigator, Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs Department, on the Health Care Consumer Protection Summit, to be held on April 23, 2013 at the California Endowment Foundation in Downtown Los Angeles. (13-1607)

Rigoberto Reyes, Chief Investigator, Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs Department, gave a brief presentation on the Health Care Consumer Production Summit, to be held on April 23, 2013 at the California Endowment Foundation in Downtown Los Angeles and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Mr. Reyes then requested the Commission consider a donation of \$1500.00 to be used to offset Summit expenses.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

After further discussion, Vice President Becky A. Shevlin thanked Mr. Reyes for his presentation and acknowledged Deputy Rebekah Kim of the Fourth District.

Commissioner Charlotte Lesser made a motion for discussion and consideration of a \$1,500 donation for the Health Care Consumer Protection Summit be placed on the Agenda of May 13, 2013.

Mr. Reyes' presentation was filed and no further action was taken by the Commission.

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VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Commissioners' announcements for March and April 2013. (13-1134)

The following announcements were made by Commissioners:

Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D. announced that she met with the Public Relations Media Committee and that they're in the beginning stages of coming up with a new Tag Line for the Commission, as well as searching for a pool of volunteering artists who would submit conceptual designs of the Commission's new logo. She also met with the Economic Development Committee; however, she will submit a report at a later date. She concluded by stating she will be one of eight

women being honored by the Pasadena-San Gabriel Journal for "Women in Business".

Commissioner Charlotte Lesser shared a handout regarding the Beach Cities Blue Zones, a community based support system that promotes healthy strategies for communities; and Lunafest, films geared towards women's interests, with generated funds going to the Association of California Commission for Women.

Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. announced she will be leaving the Commission within the next 60 days. She also informed the new Commissioners that the Health Committee needs members. She concluded by stating that she participated in the Second Annual "Autism and Fight Against Childhood Obesity" 10K Run-Walk event in Hollywood.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian announced that she was selected by Senator Lu as a Woman of the Year. She also announced that there will be a Fourth Annual National Conference for "Women in Education" in October 2013.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin announced the Blue Zones is collectively being connected with the Cities of Arcadia, Duarte and Monrovia and is called "Shape Up". She will also conduct a presentation on "Aging Communities", this fall.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

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Matters Not Posted

9. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-1135)

The following items were introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

- 9A.** Recommendation as submitted by Vice President Shevlin: Discussion on how to infuse new ideas and ways to increase revenues and fundraising options for the Commission including the Women of the Year event. (13-1837)

On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, and by common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the Retreat meeting of August 12, 2013.

- 9B.** Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.: Discussion and recommendation to increase scholarship fund budget. (13-1838)

On motion of Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., and by common consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the Retreat agenda of August 12, 2013.

Public Comment

- 10.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-1136)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul, Ph.D., addressed the Commission regarding Assembly Bills (AB139) and AB156; and a Los Angeles Times Newspaper article regarding Social Media. She informed the Commission that she will forward copies of the articles to Commission Services staff via email.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Adjournment

- 11.** Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, April 8, 2013. (13-1137)

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.